

## Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

January 17,2023

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Cokl at 5:30 PM. Present for the meeting, Nicki Venable, Brooks Langeloh, Randall Cokl, Walt Crowder, Chad Banks, and Madalyn Sade-Bartl.

Election of officers was held. Nominations for president were open, with Mr. Banks nominating Nicki Venable, second by Ms. Sade Bartl, Ms. Venable declined the office. Mr. Cokl nominated Ms. Sade Bartl for president with Mr. Banks second. Vote was unanimous for Ms. Sade-Bartl as president. Ms. Sade Bartl nominated Nicki Venable for vice president, second by Mr. Cokl. Vote was unanimous for Ms. Venable as vice president. Mr. Cokl advised the board that he would remain in the secretary – treasurer position unless someone else wanted the position. Vote was unanimous for Mr. Cokl as secretary-treasurer.

Ms. Sade Bartl entertained a motion to approve December 20,2022 minutes. Mr. Shipman made a clarification on relinquishing a small section of territory to the city. Motion was made by Mr. Banks, second by Mr. Langeloh with the correction. Vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report with \$375.30 in checking, BAN obligation of \$14,167.50, with a credit balance of \$735,832.50. Claims: JPR \$13,872.00; Baker Tilly \$378.75. Motion was made by Mr. Banks, second by Ms. Venable. Vote was unanimous to approve motion.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Shipman advised the board of the upcoming hearing on the construction permit appeal. The hearing for judicial review is scheduled for Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

Mr. Steve Henschen, JPR, reminded us to be careful with the invoices submitted, especially the two separate projects, that they be paid from the correct funding source. Mr. Henschen offered help if we were unsure. Ms. Allie Nahrwold, JPR, gave a project update. She advised the contractor that if we did not have a right of entry agreement with a property, they were to continue without installation of the grinder. A curb stop/check valve will be installed at the main line to provide access to property owners. Property owners will be required to install the district provided grinder stations at their own expense. If the property owner signed the petition against the project but signed the right of entry agreement, the grinder station will be installed. Aqua Indiana has expressed a willingness to store grinder stations for the district, however they request an agreement that would remove all liability of storing them. Flemming will store the grinders until they are installed. The grinders that were not installed will be stored by Aqua. Progress meetings have been set for January. An Overall construction schedule was reviewed with County line currently under construction; Dunfee to begin February-March 2023; Coesse beginning in April 2023; Stable Acres beginning in May 2023; and restoration in the summer/fall 2023. Ms. Nahrwold introduced change order #2 for board approval, for removal of the grinder station at 5065 E Duffin. There is no sewage producing structures located at that address. Mr. Crowder motioned to approve, second by Mr. Cokl. Vote was approved unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Cokl to approve pay application #1 \$116,576.25 for Flemming Excavating, second by Ms. Venable. Motion was

passed unanimously. She handed out a spreadsheet that shows progress in the project and money spent to date. JPR continues to meet with property owners who have questions on the project. The phase two project timeline, submission of plans March 2023, request for bids May 2023, receive bids July 2023, award bids and funding fall 2023. SRF will award projects in August – September 2023.

Post Bid Connection policy addresses what action will be taken for those property owners that have not signed a right of entry agreement and wish to connect to the system after the contractors have left the area. It also addresses those property owners who are building new homes that wish to connect to the system after the project is complete. Motion to approve the policy was made by Mr. Cokl, second by Mr. Banks. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

It was asked if changes to the placement of the grinder station can be made up until the time of construction. Mr. Henschen stated that they will be flexible with those decisions. Question was asked about State law and connection to sewer if the property owner is 300 feet from the sewer line. The question was asked about monthly charges and property owner's additional costs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Next meeting Tuesday, February 21,2023

Randall C. Cokl

Secretary